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SUBJ: CODEL SCHEUER VISIT TO SENEGAL

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1. DURING FOUR DAY VISIT TO SENEGAL, CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER AND AID GREENBERG DISCUSSED FAMILY PLANNING, AS WELL AS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES WITH A NUMBER OF SENEGALESE OFFICIALS. IN SERIES OF FRANK AND USEFUL SESSIONS, REP. SCHEUER BRIEFED SENEGALESE OFFICIALS ON CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS IN WORLD-WIDE POPULATION PLANNING, WHILE LISTENING TO DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND CULTURAL/ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS UNIQUE TO SENEGAL.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH, DELEGATE GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND SENEGALESE LEGISLATORS, CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER EMPHASIZED THE OPPORTUNITY AFRICAN NATIONS NOW HAVE TO INCORPORATE FAMILY PLANNING INTO THEIR DEVELOPING HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS. AS CODEL VISIT CAME DURING JOINT USAID, UNFPA, PATHFINDER, AND GOS EFFORTS TO DESIGN NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROJECT, INTEREST IN SUBJECT WAS HIGH, AND REP. SCHEUER'S MEETINGS SERVED TO FOCUS DIALOGUE EVEN MORE SHARPLY ON PROBLEMS AND PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS. ALL SENEGALESE PARTICIPANTS STRESSED NEED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ACCOMPANY ANY POPULATION PLANNING MEASURES.

3. IN VISITS TO MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTERS, AND
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ONE PRIVATE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, CODEL WAS IMPRESSED

WITH CLEARLY APPARENT AND EXPRESSED READINESS OF BOTH HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL AND CLIENTS TO ACCEPT FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS, AND WERE REPEATEDLY ASSURED THAT TRADITIONAL CULTURAL, TRIBAL AND RELIGIOUS OPPOSITION WAS NO LONGER OVERRIDING FORCE.

4. DURING VISIT, CODEL ALSO MET WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER RESIDENT AMERICANS. EXTENDED STAY ALLOWED REP. SCHEUER TO VISIT RURAL PEACE CORPS PROJECT AND TO MEET WITH ALL AMERICAN STAFF OF MISSION.
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